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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

APPLICANT : Bobby R. Johnson) ART UNIT: 3723
SERIAL NO. : 10/668,307) EXAMINER: Smith James G.
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is a response in the above-identified patent application to an Office Action dated 10/01/04, with time for response set to expire on 01/03/05. With this response claims 4-6 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 13-23 have been added. A total of 20 claims remain pending including 2 independent claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended)

An offset socket drive comprising:

a body member;

a drive gear having a square recess adapted to receive the drive head of an impact driver,

the drive gear rotatably disposed within the body member;

a driven gear having a hex receptacle, the driven gear rotatably disposed within the body member and gearably meshed with the drive gear, the driven gear having a first longitudinal hole core;

a socket having a second longitudinal core, the socket being connected to the hex receptacle such that the first hollow core and the second hollow core longitudinally align; and

at least one threaded receptacle located on a side of the body member;

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